

زيان Filed 03/31/2008

March 19, 2008

Page 1/0008

U.S DISTRICT JUDGE S.D.N.Y.

DATE FILED

MICHAEL A. CARDOZO Corporation Counsel

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
LAW DEPARTMENT

100 CHURCH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10007 JESSICA T. COHEN
Assistant Corporation Counsel
rseligma@law nyc.gov

USDS SDINY

DOCUMENT

ELECTRONICALLY FILED

DOC #

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: Jaymia Davis, et al. v. The City of New York, et al. 08 CV 01988 (HB)

Your Honor:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Special Federal Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department and the attorney assigned to the defense of the above referenced matter. I write to respectfully request an extension of time from March 19, 2008 until May 19, 2008 to answer or otherwise respond to plaintiffs' complaint on behalf of defendant City of New York. In addition, if Your Honor is inclined to grant this request, defendant also respectfully requests an adjournment of the initial conference, presently scheduled for April 3, 2008 at 12:00 p.m., to a date and time convenient to the Court after issue has been joined. Although plaintiffs will not be prejudiced if Your Honor is inclined to grant the relief requested herein, plaintiffs' counsel, David Zelman, Esq., will only consent to a thirty day enlargement of time for defendant to respond to plaintiffs' complaint.

In accordance with this office's obligations under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, we need time to investigate the allegations of the complaint. Plaintiffs Jaymia Davis, Pamela Thomas, Brandon Thompson, and Corey Poindexter allege that, at approximately 3:30 a.m., on or about July 14, 2007, an altercation took place at a club, "Café 400," in Brooklyn. According to plaintiffs' complaint, members of the New York City Police Department arrived and dispersed the crowd. Plaintiffs maintain that they were instructed to "wait for their rides on the corner." Plaintiffs further maintain that, while waiting for their rides, they were assaulted by unknown members of the NYPD. As a result of this alleged assault, plaintiffs claim they suffered physical injury. Specifically, plaintiff Thomas claims that she was pushed to the ground by an officer causing trauma to her back, arms, and right leg. Plaintiff Davis claims she was "stuck multiple times" with a baton. Plaintiff Thompson also claims he was struck by a baton. Finally, plaintiff Poindexter claims he was struck by an officer's baton numerous times in the

that he was falsely arrested for disorderly conduct, as the underlying criminal charge brought agains Chirch and better distributed the properties necessary to require as fouch information as possible concerning this matter in order to properly assess the case and respond to the complaint. To that end, this office is in the process of forwarding to plaintiff Poindexter for execution a N.Y.C.P.L. §160.50 release so that we can access the sealed records from his underlying criminal prosecution, including the criminal court. District Attorney's file, and even our own police records. In addition, all four plaintiffs will also be sent HIPAA compliant medical releases for their execution so that we may access all of their relevant medical records.

Accordingly, defendant City of New York respectfully requests that its time to respond to the complaint be extended to May 19, 2008. In addition, if Your Honor is inclined to grant this request, defendant also respectfully requests an adjournment of the initial conference to a date and time that is convenient to the Court after issue has been joined. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Would you be willing to adjourn PTC?

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica T. Cohen (JC 0044) Assistant Corporation Counsel

cc: David Zelman, Esq. (by first-class mail) Attorney for Plaintiffs

Mun 14 is (King for is)

I will advant 30

The PTC to man sure
of please or man
you answer or man
well that dall possible
before \$119 if possible
that some pass.

50 ORDERED!

Harold Baer, Jr., U.S.D.J.

Date: 3 21 0 9

Harold Baer, Jr., U.S.D.J.

Endorsement:

I will adjourn the PTC to 4:30 PM May 22, 2008 please be sure you answer or move before that date and even before May 19 if possible so we will all be on the same page.